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1971EE

"Spring 1904"

ENGLAND (Trtek): F Kie-Hol; A Edi-Den; F Nth C A Edi-Den; F Lon-Eng; F Hel S F Kie-Hol; A Yor-Eng((sic)).

FRANCE (Vest): No moves received. A Par, A Tus, & F Wes hold; F Tyr dislodged and annihilated.

GERMANY (Tesser): A Mun-Ruh; F Hol-Kie; A Ber S F Hol-Kie; A Mar-Gas; A Pic-Par.

ITALY (Horton): F Nap-Tyr; F Tun S F Nap-Tyr; A Pie-Ven; A Rom-Tus.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Edeiken): F Gre-Bul (s.c.); A Ser S F Gre-Bul(s.c.); A Tri-Bud; A Gal-Rum.

RUSSIA (P. Wood): F Bal-Ber; A Mos-Liv; A Ukr-Gal; A Rum-Ser; F Bla S TURKISH A Bul; A War S A Ukr-Gal.

TURKEY (Drakert): A Con-Gre; F Aeg C A Con-Gre; A Bul & F Ion S A Con-Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats F Hol-Bel or removes it; Austria-Hungary retreats F Gre-Alb or removes it, and A Gal-Sil, -Boh, -Vie, or removes it.

THESE RETREATS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE GAMESMASTER BY IMMEDIATE RETURN AIR MAIL OR PHONE; the other players will then be informed. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 3 JUNE 1972.

With this move, Yale Edeiken resigns as Austria-Hungary. (Henceforth his address is 8 Wiltshire Rd., Philadelphia, Penn. 19151.) Under normal circumstances his replacement would be the 1st stand-by, Steve Nozik, but Nozik has missed moves lately, and so John Hendry, the 2nd stand-by, is called on to take over as Austria-Hungary. Nozik and Rod Walker, who has indicated an interest in playing stand-by, should send in moves for France. See p. 9 for a change of address.

1972E

"Fall 1903"

ENGLAND (Abbott): F Wes-Tyr; F Mid S FRENCH F Por-Spa(s.c.); F NAt-Iri; F Nth-Den; A St.P holds.

FRANCE (Lipson): A Par-Gas; A Gas-Mar; F For-Spa(s.c.).

GERMANY (Fong): F Pic-Bre; A Bur S FRENCH A Gas-Mar; A Tyr S ITALIAN A Ven-Tri; A Mun-Boh; A Sil S A Mun-Boh; A Ruh-Mun.

ITALY (Strayer): No moves received. F Ion & A Ven hold; A Mar & F Spa(s.c.) dislodged and annihilated.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): F Alb-Gre; A-Bud-Tri; A Ser S A Bud-Tri; A Gal-Boh; A Vie S A Gal-Boh.

RUSSIA (Malone): No moves received. A Mos, A Ukr, & A War hold.

TURKEY (Osmanson): F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Aeg; F Sev-Bla; A Arm-Sev; A Rum S A Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P. (6)

FRANCE: Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (4)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Hol, Kie, Mun. (6)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (5)

RUSSIA: Mos, Swe, War. (3)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Rum, Sev, Smy. (6)

Italy has two builds, and Turkey, England, and France each have one. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 3 JUNE 1972. David King, the 1st stand-by, is called upon to submit moves for Italy. Chris Pearson, c/o The Handcrafter, 241 Commercial St., Provincetown, Mass. 02657 is asked to submit stand-by "Spring 1904" moves for Russia. See p. 9 for a change of address.

ARCHIE, HARRY, AND GEORGE

The US government and the news media probably have by now a settled routine for assassinations and attempted assassinations. At the first news, time is cleared on TV, pre-arranged statements which express sympathy and point to those "really" responsible are taken out of the files, and legal and medical experts are tapped for information.

It is only natural that the government and the media be prepared. They are, after all, chiefly responsible for the assassinations in the first place. When the government of the United States of America decrees that certain faraway persons whose existence inconvenience it must be killed, who can blame an introverted failure in a furnished room, or a crack-brained refugee, who decides the same thing. When the most popular television show in the country beams its message of bigotry into millions of homes, week after week, its producers are responsible for the minds that crack under this barrage.

Candid historians blame Griffiths' film Birth of a Nation and the racist writings of Madison Grant and Lothrop Stoddard for the wave of nativist and anti-Negro bigotry that swelled around 1920, producing the National Origins Quota Act and a revival of the moribund Ku Klux Klan. Julius Streicher's scurrilous rag Der Stürmer was a major factor in promoting the rise of the Nazis. And the CBS TV show All in the Family must bear the responsibility for much of the current white bias against blacks, and the black conviction that whites are unwilling to concede them the least equality.

The usual rebuttal to this accusation is that All in the Family makes fun of ethnic bigotry, that better intergroup relations in this country will follow because the star of the nation's most popular TV show makes, week after week, wisecracks about "Hebes", "Spics", "Coons", "Polacks", "Fairies", "Pinkos", and "Hippies". Are we to take this rebuttal seriously? Do you really imagine that a low-income WASP will look at All in the Family and then say to himself, "Gee, Archie made a fool of himself telling Jew jokes; maybe I'd better not do it any more."? Quite the contrary; such a viewer is more likely to sit there hollering, "Right on, Archie baby!" or whatever the Square translation of that phrase is.

("Reports have it that Norman Lear and the others behind the show have become deeply concerned that too many viewers are laughing with, not at, 'Archie Bunker'. Their fan mail is disturbing them because so much of it applauds Archie and his prejudices." - Leonard Lyons, New York Post, 10 March 1972)

What do right-wingers such as the John Birch Society really think about All in the Family? We don't have far to look, for the JBS has been quite explicit in the 26 January 1972 issue of their weekly Review of the News. Bircher Lillian Boehme says that they see Archie as "one of their own, angry and frustrated at being the fall guy for radicals and freeloaders". She is quite right in saying that "it's a pretty safe guess that Archie Bunker's huge following, to whom All in the Family is a Saturday-night institution, doesn't consist primarily of bushy-haired radicals and country-club 'Liberals' gathered to decry, debunk, and despise him in a weekly orgy of cathartic hate."

Archiemania has recently broken out in a new place. Like Elmer Zilch, Pogo, Jimmie Durante, and Pegasus J. Pig, he is now "running for the presidency". A massive tide of t-shirts, beer mugs, buttons, posters, and bumper stickers has inundated department stores and specialty shops. "The Beer Party Candidate" has such slogans as "It Might As Well Be Bunker" (with which I don't disagree) and "In Your Heart You Know He's Extremely Right". "In making Archie's intolerance socially acceptable," Harriet van Horne incisively writes, "we are easing the way for further intolerance...Archie Bunker has probably done more for bigotry and regressive thinking than anybody in America, including John Wayne and Spiro Agnew." (New York Post, 1 April 1972)

What do the media think of all this flap over All in the Family? Well, on 14 May 1972 Emmy awards were given to the show, three of its actors, the director, and the writer. Television has not only given birth to this monstrosity, but is proud of it.

Hollywood has not lagged far behind. One of the most loudly ballyhooed films of 1971 is a shoot-em-up called Dirty Harry. Its hero, a San Francisco police inspector named Harry Callahan, operates in the tradition of Mike Hammer. ("By Christ, I'm not letting the killer go through the tedious process of the law. Some snotty lawyer will screw the whole thing...I'm the law." Mickey Spillane, I, the Jury) When Harry shoots a man on suspicion, or stomps a murder suspect's wounded leg to get information from him, he becomes the hero as opposed to a bleeding-heart District Attorney who protests, "That man

had rights." "Rights," apparently, are things which keep obviously Evil people from getting what they deserve, and the sooner we get rid of the "legal technicalities" written into the Constitution by a bunch of 18th-century revolutionaries, the better off we'll be.

The murderer, who is painted in the necessary colors by having him the patently guilty killer of women and children, gets off because Harry didn't bother with the "formality" of a search warrant. He then gets himself deliberately beaten up so he can accuse the police of "brutality". (The message is clearly intended to be that all complaints of police brutality are phony, even when the victim has the scars and bruises to prove it.)

In a stinging attack in the March 1972 issue of Civil Liberties, Gerard W. O'Connor of ACLU gets to the real point. "Dirty Harry...is not cinematic art but political propaganda. The movie attempts to wash the liberal brain and rend the middle-American heart. According to Dirty Harry, the law protects the criminally insane and punishes the aggressively virtuous. Only when an Avenger operates outside the law will justice be won...Forces of violence cannot be appeased, negotiated, or reasoned with." This is

Whenever a question of the increasingly violent character of American life comes up, attention should not be allowed to stray from the fact that the biggest purveyor of violence in the world today is the government of the United States of America. The man who mugs you for heroin money probably got both his habit and his training in unarmed combat in Vietnam. The burglar who steals something convertible into saving money is unemployed because the money that could have given him a job has gone to kill Asians. The kid who slugs you for no good reason sees no future in abiding by the rules of a society which offers him only a uniform and a grave. If virtually identical candidates refuse to deal with the needs of society, frustrated men may strike them down as one strikes against a blank wall.

Violence at the top of society breeds violence at the bottom - violence from which the men at the top are not immune. During his presidency, John F. Kennedy discussed with the CIA plans for the assassination of Fidel Castro. Three weeks before his own death, a military coup under his authorization assassinated President Diem and his brother-in-law. George Lincoln Rockwell was shot dead by one of his own followers, a youth of Greek extraction whose fellow-Nazis made snide humor about his swarthy complexion.

George Wallace to a great extent created the conditions which led to the attempt on his life. His public pronouncements over the years have constituted a declaration of war on the Bill of Rights, and on large ethnic and political factions. He and his followers have frequently urged violence against their opposition, and it must not be forgotten that Martin Luther King was murdered by a Wallace campaign worker. Let the record be kept clear:

"Mr. Wallace...is being haunted by a statement last year that was printed in the Times of London. The newspaper quoted him as having said that Southerners, like the British, were Anglo-Saxons, but that the North was populated by 'Poles, Italians, Germans, and other lesser breeds.' - New York Times, 3 April 1964. See also editorial, Milwaukee Journal, 22 March 1964.

"Let us rise to the call of the freedom-loving blood that is in us. In the name of the greatest people that have ever trod this earth, I draw the line in the dust and toss the gauntlet before the feet of tyranny. And I say, Segregation now! Segregation tomorrow! Segregation forever!" - George Wallace, inaugural address, January 1963

"I believe in free speech, but not if it disrupts the morale of the troops." - George Wallace, quoted East Village Other, 1 December 1967

"A niggah sheriff - the folks over there just ain't gonna stand for any kind of stuff such as that. When those Anglo-Saxon people get stirred up, boy, they don't mess around. Wouldn't one of them niggahs last thirty minutes if he was to have the misfortune of gettin' elected." - George Wallace, quoted by Marshall Frady, Wallace

"I'm gonna make race the basis of politics in this state, and I'm gonna make it the basis of politics in this country." - George Wallace, New York Post, 17 September 1968

These views, combined with his party's enthusiasm for the war and for unrestricted ownership of guns, (see the 1969 "Action Program of the American Independent Party"), put George Wallace at the head of this country's violence junkies. That another such should

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ENGLAND (H. Anderson): No moves received. F Yor holds; F Edi dislodged and annihilated.

FRANCE (Nierenberg): A Pic-Bur; A Par S A Pic-Bur; F Wes-Spa(s.c.); A Gas S F Wes-Spa(s.c.).

RUSSIA (Buchanan): A Cly-Edi; F Nrg S A Cly-Edi; F Wal-Lon; F Eng S F Wal-Lon; A Mun-Boh; A Ruh-Mun; A Hol-Ruh; F Hel-Hol; F Den-Nth; F Ska-Nwy; F Tyr-Swe; F Ion-Tyr; A Gal holds; A Arm-Sev; A Bel-Pic.

TURKEY (Barents): F NAF-Mid; F Tun S RUSSIAN F Tyr-Wes; F Nap S RUSSIAN F Ion-Tyr; F Con-Aeg; F Aeg-Ion; F Tus-Lyo; F Lyo S A Mar-Spa; A Mar-Spa; A Bur-Gas; A Pie-Mar; F Eas S F Aeg-Ion; A Syr holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats F Wes-NAf and Turkey retreats A Bur-Bel. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bre, Par, Por. (3)

RUSSIA: Ber, Bud, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mos, Mun, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, Vie, War. (17)

TURKEY: Ank, Bel, Bul, Con, Gre, Mar, Nap, Rom, Ser, Smy, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (14)

Russia and Turkey may each build two units, and France must remove one. England has lost all remaining supply centers and so all remaining units are removed. The deadline for "Winter 1912" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 3 JUNE 1972. Press releases begin on p. 6.

1971EB

"Fall 1904"

ENGLAND (Birsan): F Den-Swe; F Ska & A Nwy S F Den-Swe; F Nrg S A Nwy; F Nth-Den; F Hel S A Kie; A Kie S FRENCH A Mun-Ber.

FRANCE (Holcombe): A Pie-Tyr; A Mun S A Pie-Tyr; A Ruh & A Bur S A Mun; F Tun-Ion; F Tyr S F Tun-Ion.

GERMANY (Cutierrez): A Boh S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tyr.

ITALY (Brooks): F Ion-Aeg; A Ven-Tri; F Adr S A Ven-Tri; A Apu-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): F Aeg-Smy; F Con S F Aeg-Smy; A Gre holds; A Tyr-Ven; A Tri S A Tyr-Ven; A Vie S A Tri.

RUSSIA (Silverman): F Bul(e.c.)-Bla; A Rum-Gal; A Sil S A Ber; A Ber S A Sil; A St.P-Fin; A Mos-St.P; A Sev holds; F Swe-Bal.

TURKEY (Hawley): A Arm S F Smy; F Smy holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats A Ven-Pie, -Tus, -Rom, or removes it, and F Ion-Nap, -Alb, -Eas, or removes it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Con, Gre, Ser, Lon, Nwy, Swe. (8) Tri, Ven, Vie. (7)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Mun, Par, Bel, RUSSIA: Ber, Bul, Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Por, Spa. (7) War. (7)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun. (3) TURKEY: Ank, Smy. (2)

England, France, and Austria-Hungary may each build one new unit, and Russia and Italy must each remove one. The remaining German unit is removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 3 JUNE 1972. DIRECTIONS OF RETREATS SHOULD BE SENT IN IMMEDIATELY.

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"Fall 1904"

Following "Spring 1904" moves Austria-Hungary retreated A Sil-Pru though his conception of "immediately" is not quite the same as mine.

ENGLAND (Lipton): F Bar S A Nwy-St.P; A Nwy-St.P; F Mid S F Por-Spa(s.c.); F Por-Spa(s.c.); A Lon-Pic; F Eng C A Lon-Pic.

FRANCE (Nozik): No moves received. A Bre, A Gas, & A Mar hold; A Bur dislodged and annihilated.

GERMANY (Berman): A Kie-Ber; A Tyr-Vie; A Boh S A Tyr-Vie; A Ruh-Bur; A Mun S A Ruh-Bur; F Bel S ENGLISH A Lon-Pic.

ITALY (Warden): F Ion holds; A Ven-Tyr; A Smy-Con; F Aeg. S A Smy-Con; A Gre S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Bul(s.c.).

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bell): A Pru S RUSSIAN A Sil-Ber; F Bul(s.c.) S ITALIAN A Smy-Con; A Bud-Vie; A Tri S A Bud-Vie; A Ser-Rum.

RUSSIA (Barents): A Rum-Bud; A Gal S A Rum-Bud; A Sil-War; F Bla S TURKISH A Con; F St.P(n.c.) not ordered, dislodged.

TURKEY (Gutierrez): A Con holds; A Ank S A Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian F St.P is annihilated, and Austria-Hungary must retreat A Bud-Ser or annihilate it. (PLEASE INFORM THE GAMESMASTER AT ONCE.) The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Por, ITALY: Nap, Gre, Rom, Smy, Tun, Ven. (6) St.P, Spa, Swe. (8) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bul, Ser, Rum, Tri,

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par. (3) Vie. (5)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hel, Kie, RUSSIA: Bud, Sev, Mos, War. (4) Mun. (6) TURKEY: Ank, Con. (2)

England may build 2 new units, and Italy may build 1. Austria-Hungary may build 1 if the A Bud is annihilated. The deadline for "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 3 JUNE 1972. Press releases begin on p. 7. After 7 June Gutierrez' address will be Dept. of Chemistry, LSU, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803. Chris Pearson (see p. 1) should send in stand-by moves.

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"Fall 1903"

Following "Spring 1903" moves Russia retreats F Con-Bla.

ENGLAND (Lipton): F Edi-Cly; F Nth-Edi; F Eng-Nth; A Bre-Gas.

FRANCE (Underwood): No moves received. A Spa, A Mar, & F Pic hold.

GERMANY (De Jonghe): F Hol-Nth; F Hel S F Hol-Nth; A Den-Kie; A Bel-Pic; A Gas-Bre; A Par S A Gas-Bre; A Bur-Mun.

ITALY (Devereaux): No moves received. A Vie, A Tyr, A Tri, F Bul(s.c.), F Sil-Tyr, & F Wes hold.

RUSSIA (Atteberry): F Nrg-NAt; A Nwy-Swe; F Swe-Bul; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; A Sil-Ber; A Boh-Mun; A Bud-Ser; A Rum S A Bud-Ser; F Bla-Bul(s.c.); A Sev-Ukr.

TURKEY (Blandin): F Ank-Arm; A Con-Ank; F Aeg S ITALIAN F Bul(s.c.); A Ser S ITALIAN A Tri-Bud.

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"Spring 1903"

ENGLISH FLEETS REVERSE COURSE

ENGLAND (Lipson): A Nwy-Lon; F Nth C A Nwy-Lon; F Ska-Nwy; F Nrg-NAt.FRANCE (Latin): A Bel-Ruh; A Bur S-A Bel-Ruh; A Spa-Bel; F Mid & F Eng C A Spa-Bsl; A Par-Pic.GERMANY (Schleicher): F Hel-Nth; F Den-Ska; A Hol S A Ruh; A Tyr-Mun; A Ruh S A Hol.

ITALY (Burley): F Tun-Ion; F Nap S F Tun-Ion; A Ven holds; A Tus S A Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Berman): F Gre-Alb; A Ser-Rum; A Bud S A Ser-Rum; A Vis-Tyr; A Tri S A Vie-Tyr.

RUSSIA (Phillips): A St.P-Nwy; F Swe-Ska; A Ukr-Rum; F Sev S A Ukr-Rum; A Mos S F Sev.TURKEY (Nierenberg): A Bul-Gre; F Rum-Bla; F Aeg-Ion; A Arm-Sev; F Smy-Eas.

Underlined moves are not possible. Deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is 6 PM, MONDAY 5 JUNE 1972.

Gamesmaster John J. Beshara heartily welcomes Maj. Elliot Lipson, who with this issue becomes the permanent player for England.

BERLIN (14 May 1903): The German Foreign Office announced its intentions with regard to Italy in a special proclamation today. Chancellor von Bismuth-Bülow said, "The Italians have shown through their willingness to withdraw from the Tyrol that there is no need for saber-rattling on our part. Therefore, we have recommended to the General Staff the withdrawal of the provisional force sent to the Tyrol."

"In light of these developments in Europe, the Foreign Office, acting with the approval of the Kaiser, announces its willingness to establish new cultural contacts with both Italy and Austria in order to promote a spirit of peace among the Central Powers of Europe."

BERLIN (15 May 1903): The German General Staff announced today that the army sent to the Tyrol for joint exercises with Austria was being recalled to Germany. However, it was noted that should it again be required, the General Staff was ready to dispatch another force of equal size to the area should aggression there reoccur.

When asked about the seemingly hostile actions of the French on the border of Holland, a spokesman for the entire General Staff said, "It would be very foolish for the French to provoke us into war. Any more attacks upon the German troops in either the provinces of Germany or Germany itself would be tantamount to a declaration of war."

1970BN - PRESS RELEASES

ISSHEMEAL-KEP: "I bet the CRIMSON KING is here" Aqualung said.

"YOU'RE RIGHT" Replied the wall "Please be seated and CK will be with you shortly." Next issue we'll find out what the CK wants.

ISHEMEL-GAKA: Today this quiet town was Awaken to the sounds of varicous noises, of which the most noticable was Pandit singing head. It seems that Pandit finally got his SHIT (Secert Hedquarters In Turkey) together. They were Jamming for some time when A palace guard came and told them that the gig was over. Pandit just moved into a New song Singing "Rock me bAbY, All NIGHT LONG".

ISSHEMEAL-KEP: Our heroes have perssed fram the view of the sai into a Large Lag red corridor. This hallwall hed into a Large Roon Where 100's of people waiting in line.

"What is This" asked Hasha of a Person

"We are waiting far the fight to get over"

"The fight?"

"yeh between The Biggiss"

"What Biggies"

"The John far one"

"THE JOHN!!" Said Hasha calmly, then wishpeing to Aqualug, we've had it Now we only

honest to kill The John & Peace shall reign over the earth."

will peace reign folks? tune in later.

ISHEMEAL-GAKA: MJIX Let it be known that "peace" does reign over his domain.

ISHEMEAL-GAKA: Pandit said that peace also is the most important part of his life.

ASSHILINA: Lorrie Lowly Announced that she has the peace.

HYDUNDERABAD (URRP): Maharajah Kamasutra IX confirmed garbled reports from Turkey that this tiny Indian state has established a Consulate in that country. "However, we can truly assure the world that the subversive rebel leader Pandit the Bandit is not in charge of our foreign relations, or of any other kind of relations. The Hydunderabad consul in Turkey is a trustworthy diplomat, Tinh Khan.

HYDUNDERABAD (URRP): Pandit the Bandit, leader of the Peristaltic Movement, attacked the establishment of a Royal Consulate in Turkey "as yet another futile attempt by the bloated tyrant Kamasutra IX to make the rest of the world believe that his oppression is the legal government of Hydunderabad". Vowing revenge, the rebel leader announced the establishment of a consulate in Turkey by his movement. In charge will be his nearly identical twin sister Bustya.

"But can your gusrillas afford to establish diplomatic representation overseas?" he was asked by a correspondent of the United Rabbits Rousing Press.

"Certainly. In addition to her diplomatic duties, Bustya picks up some spare cash as a vocalist and belly-dancer at the Sign of the Ruptured Camel. So far the Turkish Consulate has made a profit of 67,398 piastres, or nearly eighteen shillings sterling."

1971EC - PRESS RELEASES

MOSONOPOLIS, PHUMPHA (Insolent, Do-nothing, Uniquely No Nonsense (?)) (Obituary): Relations between Phumpha and Lichtenstein continued to deteriorate as Herbert Haltwit rejected the note from Phumpha Authorities on the grounds that the postage was not paid.

LONG ISLAND, US.A (IDUNNO, JUNKS, & NOT): These three vendors of news reports resent the attempt by so-called 'press releases' date-lined Phumpha. The only Phumphan releases come from these three sources. It is believed that the press releases not datelined from these agencies originate in The-Sea-Whose-Name-We-All-Know-And-Love. One of the originals was captured, and although no one at the agencies could translate it, the firm of Kinney & Lipschitz identify the language as old Pig Church Slavonic, or maybe Archaic Pre-Sanskrit. In the first translation, it is datelined Y, Phumpha, and reads "You maybe got a better idea?". In the second translation it reads "What Herb Barents?"

MOSCOW: kkk finally came back from his underground trip and told this to reporters. "man there are some real weirdos down there to say the heart. every thing is underground, paper, records etc. real freaky".

MOSCOW: Speaking of freaks what ever happened to Lipless? Havert heard shit from him in a long time. Maybe he flew the coop? Ah well it was nice knowing him.

BARENTS SEA: The English Fleet in the Barants sea is there so that the Queen can visit The only scoper lover in the world, the Dutch BOY! This fleet is allowed there only 3 weeks per month, the fourth week it becomes a bloody mess!

KOARSAR, POLLUTIDAR (URRP): Several missing dispatches from the outer crust were found recently in the pouch of a troodon shot down over Anoroc by the Third Mszop Anti-Pterodactyl Catapult Corps. They were detained for several sleeps by Ag-Nu the Greecsy One, Inferial Minister of Impropaganda, so that any hidden meanings might be extracted from the code. However, the Ministry concluded that the despatches, datelined "Phumpha" and other strange Outer Crust addresses, contained no meaning of any kind, and they were permitted to proceed to their destination.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

We Point With Pride to a prediction made in GRAUSTARK #260, p. 12, to the effect that "the Chinese government... is engaged in cutting the cords that tie it to Hanoi." In their New York Post column of 17 May 1972, Evans and Novak said exactly the same thing, to the effect that the Chinese government... is engaged in cutting the cords that tie it to Hanoi.

The man who comes back undaunted after a defeat can always command our respect. Such a man is David Hunt, formerly player of Austria-Hungary in 1970. Thanks to panegyrics on

After years of playing with his son, John Boardman, and his wife, Alice, in their basement, John Boardman has decided to publish his hobby. In his first issue of Alpha, he has playing guidelines by Hugh Anderson in GRAUSTARK's #256 and #257, he was jumped by all his neighbors in this game, and eliminated.

But Paul Petrow in there - this time as a Gamesmaster, no less. He is starting a publication devoted solely to games by novices. It is to be called Alpha, and is 9 issues for \$1.50. Anyone may subscribe, though game entries are limited to those who have played in at least one game. Two Alpha games are now open at an entry fee of \$3 per player. Paul Petrow is also soliciting articles, short stories, and controversy over the organization of postal Diplomacy. He plans to publish a complete list of gamesazines, and a whole book of postal Diplomacy. His address is 217 E. Front St., Adrian, Mich. 49221.

Sniperplayery plagued by an ally who fails to get his moves in on time, has asked whether he can submit alternate moves in case his ally is a no-show. This, I feel, would be opposed to the spirit of Diplomacy. In this game all moves are theoretically sent in at the same time. Players all learn at once what other players have done, or whether they have done anything at all.

"The much maligned South Vietnamese are better humans than we are - a greater percentage of them than of us refuse to fight for Saigon." - Juliet Woodbury, letter, New York Post, 12 May 1972.

Eric Just announces that he can no longer trade with other Gamesmasters, as he no longer has access to a duplicating machine. His games will be continued by carbon copy until further notice.

Larry Peery is organizing an International Games Show, to be held at the Sherman House on July 22 and 23, 1972. This will be a complete wargaming show, with a large Diplomacy section. Diplomatic activity will include a seminar on the game's strategy and tactics, a speech by the game's inventor Allan Calhamer, and a meeting of Fred Walker's Very Own Private and Personal New Diplomacy Organization. (Check your wallets with Larry Peery at the door - a big surprise for everyone!) For information on schedules and fees write to Blandin, c/o International Game Show, 205 W. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill. 60606 or c/o Niemeyer, 3330 N. Lake Shore, Chicago, Ill. 60657.

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Last year, in his column in Scientific American, Martin Gardner gave the rules for the game Life. This game, which has a population of dots on graph paper grow or decline according to a simple set of rules, has produced a great deal of interest among game fans and computer specialists. Robert T. Wainwright, 1280 Edcris Road, Yorktown Heights, N. Y. 10598, has founded a newsletter Lifeline to explore further ramifications of this game.

However, Wainwright may be unable to keep Lifeline going, and is sending out a questionnaire to interested persons on its future if any. If you are interested in Life, and have not yet received this questionnaire, write him for further information.

The demonstrators seized the building, and hung a Nazi flag from the window. When some men with backgrounds in the anti-Nazi underground tried to tear it down, they were subjected to physical violence and verbal abuse from the demonstrators.

Who were the demonstrators? Rockwall Leftovers? No, they were members of the Jewish Defense League, and their victims were the Austrian ambassador and members of his staff.

(New York Post, 9 May 1972)

"Le plus ça change..."

1971EE - PRESS RELEASES

AMSTERDAM: Amid natives' cries of "O boi Bangla," British Marines rode through the streets of this city in celebrations following the liberation of Bangla Dutch from German control.

LONDON: Fireworks lit up the sky here as all Britain cheered the news from Bangla Dutch. The Times hailed "the victory of the English people under the House of Stevens".

DOVER: Sir Charles Weskit, newly appointed British ambassador to France, arrived here en route to Paris. According to reports, Weskit is carrying a personal letter from the Prime Minister assuring the French government that recent British military moves in and around the English Channel are not directed against Paris.

1971EB - PRESS RELEASES

ROME (25 Sept. 1904): Units of the 1st French Fleet paid a visit to the old King, Victor the Silly! The old King reviewed them and then tried to stow away. He was gently put off as the fleet moved out to follow its tour.

VENICE (27 Sept. 1904): There have been reports that the retired Gen. L. von Bismarck has been seen in the area with the French visitors. (What UP???)

1972A

"Winter 1903"

TURKS DEFY ITALIAN ULTIMATUM

ROME: We vow to take the Turks out of the game for insulting the honor of this government. You have occupied our outpost, Greece, for too long now, and the Italiane come now to take it back. Least, we promise, for as long as we can, not to let you go anywhere else. All for one center; hope it is worth it to you Mike. Should the French come, we will give our centers to the Austrians and then let them both continue to contain you. I will accept either your resignation from 1972A or your vacating Greece and heading elsewhere.

SMYRNA: A new ship was launched today in honor of the recent acquisition of Greece. It seems our General Hector has turned the tides on that old fable and is returning the Greeks' eccentric gift. The new ship will be named the Grecian Urn, as it was made from the wood of the dismounted Trojan Horse. Oh! Caesar Tretick - "Beware the Tides."

ANKARA: The Turkish government has come out of the doldrums, it had been feeling rather low about its actions. However it has come out with a new statement for his mockers: "Thank you for presenting me with your ideas in which I have a special lack of interest."

Buddy Tretick announces yet another new address: 11710 Coldstream Drive, Potomac, Md. 20854. His telephone number is unlisted. Since this address represents the purchase of a home, it is expected to be permanent.

Joseph Alfenito failed to submit a removal for England, and is therefore replaced by Elliot Lipson.

ENGLAND (Lipson): Removes A Livonia. GERMANY (Huddleston): Builds F Kie.

FRANCE (Powell): Builds F Bre, F Mar. TURKEY (Murray): Builds F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 3 JUNE 1972.

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Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey must retreat the A Ser, and England must retreat the A Bre. THESE RETREATS OR REMOVALS SHOULD BE SENT IN BY IMMEDIATE RETURN AIR MAIL. Space presents a listing of supply centers, but Russia and Italy may each build a unit, and Turkey must remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 3 JUNE 1972. Mike Childers should send in stand-by "Winter 1903" moves for Italy, and Robert Warren should send stand-by "Spring 1904" moves for France.

Bill Abbott's phone number is now 517-784-6049. John Trtek leaves his present address on 7 June, and arrives on 12 June at his summer location: 215 S. E. 24th Ave., Hillsboro, Ore., 97123; 503-648-2207.

ARCHIE, HARRY, AND GEORGE (continued from p. 3)

attempt to kill him I regard as bitterly ironic.

Not being in public life, I do not intend to shed hypocritical tears over the fate which befell George Wallace on 15 May 1972. He worked hard for this painful remuneration, and he deserves it all. He has not suffered anything he was unwilling to inflict on others, for he once said of demonstrators, "I think they ought to be jerked away and put under a good jail and treated and manhandled pretty roughly." (New York Times, 5 October 1968) In particular, he has made what I can only interpret as a direct threat against my life. During his last campaign, he said, "When I become your President the first thing my Attorney General will do is get an indictment against any college professor calling for a Viet Cong victory and put him under a good federal jail." (New York Post, 16 September 1968) Not in jail, mind you, but under it. As a college professor who believes that the best of several unhappy alternatives left to Vietnam is its unification under the only government capable of ruling without the support of foreign troops, I presume that I am the sort of person Wallace has in mind.

I am not disposed to think charitably about men who threaten my life. I have no regret about the attempt to kill George Wallace, except that it was not successful. As matters stand now, we are likely to be worse off than before. At present Wallace has all the advantages of being a martyr, and of being alive. If the vicious may be compared with the honorable, he is a sort of southern equivalent of the 19th-century abolitionist martyr Charles Sumner, with all of Sumner's drive and rancor.

If by some combination of fanaticism, money, and pity George Wallace should become President of the United States, we cannot excuse ourselves by pleading ignorance of his plans. He is quite candid about what he believes, and what he will do to us if he becomes President. And, if he does, we'll deserve it.

THE RIP-OFF ROLL - IV

PAUL J. WOOD, 24613 Harmon, St. Clair Shores, Mich. 48080 (5 May 1972): I've got a real winner for your "Rip Off Roll" column. I've been meaning to write to you about this long ago, but the longer I wait, the better it gets.

The matter involves the entry by John Van De Graf and myself in a Youngstown Variant game started in John Mensinger's World News and War Report. We each paid \$1.25 for entry into the game and have received a total of two issues since sending our money in October, 1971. A chronology of events is given below to illustrate our point:

October 1971: Received a complimentary copy of issue #5 of WN&WR. This issue had just been sent but was labeled "September 1971", and inside it was explained that it was a month late and this might happen once in a while. We were a bit apprehensive about sending the money but Mensinger told me he would refund our money if it happened very often and we didn't like it. How could we lose? (HAI!)

December 1971: Issue #6 arrived. A month late again. I called Mensinger and asked for a refund but since it was on the way I said I would wait out another time since he promised a refund for sure if it was late again. The Youngstown game started with this issue.

February 1972: Finally received issue #7 (renamed Running River #1). The issue was dated January but wasn't received until February 13; deadline for next turn's move was, get this, January 30, 1972. Another call (I have a WATS line at work) uncovered the fact that the Postal Service had screwed up and we would receive a note extending the deadline until February 29. Naturally, no note was received.

March, 1972: I wrote a letter to the Gamesmaster asking for a refund and sent a copy to our "new Gamesmaster", Ben Goss. As I mailed my letter, an in-between-issue came which stated that a new publisher (Goss) would be putting out the games. Mensinger would still be Gamesmastering some of them, but Goss would now be in charge. In the issue, all players were asked to send in a copy of their last moves so he could continue the games (asking for repeat moves not only means they lost the old ones, it just isn't fair). Besides, the issue was postmarked March 23, and he wanted the moves in by March 28 or 30 (depending on the game you were in).

May 1972: No word. No new issue or moves or anything. Not even a cover-up issue.

... this time. It has been a month and a half since hearing from them despite both of us writing and asking for a refund. To sum it up: we have received two issues since sending in our entry fees in October. We have asked repeatedly for a refund but have either been given lame excuses or received no answer at all. Other players in the game are disgusted too. We are initiating a petition to get a new Gamesmaster, and we hope to also get a refund on the portion not spent on the two issues.

I hope you can publish this in GRAUSTARK as a warning to other players as you have done for others in the past. I guess what really kills me is that they are still advertising game openings. They aren't even responsible enough to handle the ones they've got let alone try for more. This is why a warning is needed. Gamesmasters involved with this publication are John Mensinger, someone named Frame, Ben Goss, and Bill Roche. Zine titles that have been used are World News & War Report, Running River, and The Monthly Zap. A total of eleven games are covered by these guys (or maybe really only one). At their current rate, someone has pocketed \$137.50. Not bad for a few hours' work.

((No, indeed; it's more than Hankin and Peery together stole. Space will be available in the next GRAUSTARK should any of the accused persons wish an opportunity for rebuttal. Failing this, GRAUSTARK suspends trade relations with WN&WR and its successors.))

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

CONRAD von METZKE, P. O. Box 8342, San Diego, Calif. 92102 (12 May 1972): GRAUSTARK #264 showed up today - five days transit. Oh, we do have a yokel P. O.!!

Your postal synopsis, p. 9, is moderately inaccurate. Let me offer the following corrections:

1. All mail to Canada and Mexico goes by domestic rates in all cases EXCEPT PARCEL POST, and only up to a point. The one-dollar maximum letter rate (under 1 pound) is not true of Canada and Mexico. In these cases the progression goes 8¢ (or 11¢ air) per ounce, no maximum cut-off.

2. Third class domestic mail may indeed be sealed, provided one endorees the item "third class" on the addressee face. This does not apply to foreign.

3. There is indeed a "third class air mail" rate for foreign. (Not for domestic; you're right there.) It's the A. O. rate, "air ordinary", commonly referred to as the small packet rate. For most of Europe the rate is 50¢ first 2 oz., 2¢ each addl. 2 oz., maximum 2 lbs. for most countries. Russia, Asia, Africa, and Pacific rate 60¢ first 2, 30¢ addl. 2. Mexico and Latin America are lower but I've forgotten the specifics. No such rate to Canada. Must be unsealed and endorsed "Air Printed Matter", "Small Packet", "A. O.", or a combination.

((Many thanks for this information. However, the general postal rate increase which will apparently take place later this year may change many of these rates. Though I have heard a 9¢ per ounce rate mentioned for first-class domestic surface mail, a postal clerk with whom I talked last week said he believed it would be to 10¢, and before the end of the year. The United Nations Postal Administration has announced that it will not retire its 13¢ air mail stamp, formerly the rate for international air postcards and aerogrammes. This, the UNPA said, is in anticipation of new US rates - presumably meaning that 13¢ per ounce will be the new domestic air rate for first-class mail. Previous rumors had made this increase only to 12¢. So, since a 7¢ stamp will shortly be introduced, the new rates are apparently going to be 7¢ for postcards, 10¢ an ounce for first-class surface mail, and 13¢ an ounce for air mail.

((Present postcard rates, which I inadvertently left out of last issue's listings, are 6¢ for domestic surface, 9¢ for domestic air, 10¢ for international surface, and 15¢ for international air. Aerogrammes are also 15¢.))

MARK MURRAY, 12 Shawomet Ave., Warwick, R. I. 02889: Can an army be convoyed by a fleet in a port (e. g., A Nap-Tue; F Rom C A Nap-Tus)? Can an army be convoyed through Constantinople or Kiel? ((No.))

JIM REILLY, c/o T. E. Reilly, USOM-M/GS, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96346 (30 April 1972): I am about to become an Eastern elitist. Please send any GRAUSTARKS which may reach me after June 2 to Jim Reilly, c/o Edward J. Perkins, 3024 Oliver Street NW, Washington, D. C. 20015.

I think you have read too much into Nixon's toast in Shanghai (GRAUSTARK #261). Just because the United States expresses "dedication to a principle" doesn't mean it's going to do anything if the principle is violated. We are dedicated to the principles of "democracy" and self-determination, for instance, but at the same time support Portugal, Greece, and Pakistan, to name a few. We do what is in our national interest (not necessarily a bad thing), and in any conflict between our interests and our principles, interests will usually triumph. In my humble opinion, we (and the world) will have much to lose in a Russo-Chinese war, and for that reason should try and prevent it or, if worse comes to worse, stay out of it. I don't think any U. S. President is going to be so stupid as involve us in a Russo-Chinese war, regardless of what "principles" he has dedicated us to. The toast was more likely intended as a propaganda ploy to dissuade the Kremlin from doing anything naughty, and nothing more. "Unqualified pledge" indeed!

Besides, you know how Nixon lives up to his principles.

I don't suppose I've convinced you of anything, as you seem determined to read the most absurd things into news items so that they will support your opinions. But you do act as a catalyst of sorts, and therefore make GRAUSTARK a most interesting 'zine. Your political views can be termed blessings in disguise.

((This letter raises a frequent issue: To what extent can the words of a public figure be regarded as statements of his intention? I have frequently had occasion to use a man's words against him, and when this happens one of his admirers will inevitably pop up and say, "He really didn't mean that, you know". I prefer to give a man the benefit of the doubt. Unless he has an open and notorious record of acting in opposition to his words, I tend to take the word as an expression of the thought. This is particularly true if, as with Richard Nixon, the deeds agree with the words. I don't think we've had a President since Herbert Hoover whose performances in office agree so well with his campaign speeches, or whose deeds are in such harmony with his words. He is thus greatly to be preferred to such a man as Woodrow Wilson, whose words and deeds during the American invasion of Siberia have been a frequent topic of discussion in these pages recently. While Wilson speaks for non-intervention, his deeds and those of his subordinates strongly supported anti-Soviet intervention.

((Eight years ago, during the Goldwater primary campaign in New Hampshire, a young Goldwater campaigner fretted to his superiors in horrified tones that the reporters were taking down every word the candidate was saying. Those sayings eventually helped defeat him. I have no doubt that I will get similar complaints about the George Wallace remarks cited elsewhere in this issue. And then of course there is George McGovern, desperately trying to make everyone forget that he has a record of support for the American invasion of Vietnam that is almost as long as the casualty list. You should hear the local McGoverniks hem and haw when I cite the evidence for this!))

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